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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Species Election Requirement mailed October 11, 2006. At that time the Examiner acknowledged that claims 1-6 and 9-14 are generic. The Examiner, however, required election between two identified groups of claims namely:

(a) those claims directed towards positively pressurizing the forms during the curing process.

(b) those claims directed towards shrinking the forms during the curing process.

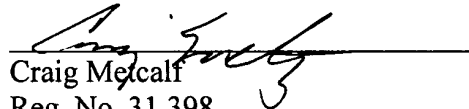
Applicants believe that there may be a slight misunderstanding regarding the claims. Generally the claims directed towards positively pressurizing the forms during the curing process relate to a pressurizable form 320 surrounded by a membrane 336. See Figure 3. The shrinkable feature relates to a foam core rather than a form. The foam core is designated 332 in Figure 3

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and may be made out of polystyrene and the like. This foam material shrinks when heated. Thus, the process may include a shrinkable foam core and a pressurizable form. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that these represent separate species. Nevertheless, the Applicants provisionally elect species (b) related to the shrinking foam core. Claim 8 relates specifically to the elected species. As mentioned above, claims 1-6 and 9-14 are generic.

If the Examiner has any further questions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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